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Carlsbad Community Volunteers • January 2008

## SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

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### CityStuff – Inspire Third-Graders about Democracy

Present the award-winning “CityStuff” program and find out how fun and rewarding it is to teach third-graders about local government in Carlsbad. Carlsbad and Junior Achievement provide well-designed, hands-on materials, training and support. The deadline to sign up is February 29. For more CityStuff information, visit [www.carlsbadca.gov/chall/citystuff](http://www.carlsbadca.gov/chall/citystuff) or contact CityStuff Coordinator Kathy at [citystuff1@roadrunner.com](mailto:citystuff1@roadrunner.com) or 436-0140.

### Castles of Carlsbad

The popular annual tour of the most interesting homes in Carlsbad will be held on May 3rd. Sponsored by the Library and Arts Foundation, the proceeds benefit library and arts programs in Carlsbad. Volunteers are needed at the homes from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and from 1-5 p.m. Each volunteer is given a free ticket so you can volunteer for half the day and see the homes for the other half. To volunteer contact Anne at [linehancarlsbad@yahoo.com](mailto:linehancarlsbad@yahoo.com) or phone her at 803-3022 (cell).

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**“T**he more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go,” from **“I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!” by Dr. Suess.**

But *where* will you go if you can’t read or write? The answer is the Carlsbad City Library’s Adult Learning Program. Established in 1984, the program has helped more than 1,200 people of all ages become more independent and participate more fully in life by strengthening their reading and writing skills. Through this free program, adult learners and tutors work one-on-one twice a week, studying together for an hour and a half each session.

Mary Lou Smith is one of 70 tutors currently volunteering at the Adult Learning Program. In a relationship best described as mutually respectful, she has been working with Richard for a year now. Richard’s reading and writing skills were so limited that he felt inadequate in his job.

Richard enrolled in the program with the goal of gaining reading and writing skills. According to Mary Lou, “When we first started, Richard was nervous about writing even one sentence. Now he writes interesting sentences and he loves to write! That is so exciting to watch; that is the reward.”

Richard adds that the best part of being able to read and write is independence. “I can do most things on my own now. I’m very grateful for this program.” Richard has set job-related goals and plans to continue working with Mary Lou on reading, writing and math.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities with the Adult Learning Program, call Carrie Scott at 434-2998, or visit the City’s website at [www.VolunteerinCarlsbad.net](http://www.VolunteerinCarlsbad.net).

*“When the story of these times gets written, we want it to say that we did all we could, and it was more than anyone could have imagined.”*  
Bono – Musician, Songwriter, Activist, Philanthropist



BILL RICHMOND

## Homebound Residents Enjoy Book Delivery Service

Through its Homebound Program, the Carlsbad Library pairs patrons who cannot make it to the library with volunteers who deliver library materials right to their homes. To qualify for this program one must be a Carlsbad resident. Once assigned, volunteers and patrons communicate directly to discuss what materials are of interest and to choose a time and date to meet.

Volunteer Carolyn Taylor now knows something surprising about the person she has been delivering books to for the past six months. Recently library patron John Fitzgerald confided with a grin, "I always read the last pages of a book first." Volunteers and patrons alike benefit from the program. Carolyn says, "I enjoy visiting with the elderly. I find we cover more meaningful topics."

If you know of someone who would benefit from having library materials delivered to their home, ask them to call 434-2847 to enroll. Our need for volunteers is currently filled.

## CARLSBAD NEWS FOR YOU

### Volunteers

More than 1,000 volunteers donated 53,626 hours of service in 2007.

### Recreation

Recreation's popular Teen Scene comes to Stagecoach Community Center on January 26. Teens can participate in the Battle of the Bands, film festival, video game competition and art exhibits.

### Cultural Arts

The William D. Cannon Art Gallery presents *In Focus: National Geographic Greatest Portraits*, an exhibition of 51 striking color and black-and-white photographs. These images will take visitors around the globe and through the heights and depths of human emotion. The exhibition runs from Sunday, January 20 through Sunday, March 16.

### Senior Center

Upcoming Senior Safari Excursions include: Walking Tour and Backstage Pass to the Famous Theatres of Hollywood, February 12; Tour Through Some of Coronado's Magic, February 20; Luck of the Irish in Laughlin, March 17-19; and Palm Springs Follies, March 26.

## A New Way to "Read" a Book – Playaway



The Carlsbad City Library is offering a new way for patrons to enjoy books. Playaway is the first self-playing, digital audiobook. With Playaway, there is no need to juggle multiple CDs, cassettes or a separate player. About the size of a cassette tape, Playaway digital audiobooks come loaded with one book and are lightweight, compact and easy-to-use.

There are already almost 200 Playaways in the collection, some appropriate for children. Each Playaway is pre-loaded with a battery that should allow for six to eight hours of playtime. Additionally, Playaway was designed with a universal headphone jack in order to accommodate most any type of headphones, speakers or mobility accessories available on the market.

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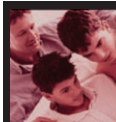
### Teen Scene

Teens looking for fun in Carlsbad will find it at the expanded Teen Scene – Battle of the Bands. On Saturday, January 26, adult volunteers are needed to help out in the video game room, art room, tent entrance and gym (where the band will be battling). There are two shifts: 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. and the event takes place at Stagecoach Park located at 3420 Camino de los Coches. To volunteer contact Rachael at [rshay@ci.carlsbad.ca.us](mailto:rshay@ci.carlsbad.ca.us) or 602-7519.

### Multi-Cultural Arts Festival



Assist the musicians with their instruments, help set up the stage, usher and provide the assistance needed to ensure "the show will go on." Then stay for the Multi-Cultural Arts Festival and see fascinating musicians from around the world. Help is needed Tuesday, February 11 and Friday, February 14 from 9-11:30 a.m. For more information or to sign up, contact Colleen at [cfinn@ci.carlsbad.ca.us](mailto:cfinn@ci.carlsbad.ca.us) or 434-2900.



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WILL YOU SHARE**  
CARLSBAD COMMUNITY  
VOLUNTEERS



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